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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Interview with [REDACTED] Organization & Methods Staff (DD/I Area), Management Staff.

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1. On 24 May 1957 I interviewed [REDACTED] member of the Organization & Methods Staff working in the DD/I area, who came to the Management Staff about two and one-half years ago, having had an excellent background and O&M experience prior thereto. He has worked in the DD/P, DD/S, and DD/I areas. At the moment he is working with Mr. Sam [REDACTED] in the Office of Central Reference and believes that the project on which they are working is a good one and that they are making a real contribution in the DD/I area.

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2. With regard to the morale generally, he says that at the time he came to the Management Staff it was, in his judgment, a very sick organization. He thinks that it is some better now but that they continue to have their "ups and downs." In his opinion [REDACTED] is a controversial individual with strong likes and dislikes and appears to have very few, if any, real close friends. He says that he is not the type of leader whom one loves, but believes that he enjoys the respect of the Staff, particularly for his keen mind and his ability to think problems through, etc. He understands that he used to do some drinking and that he has been in the office when this was obvious; however, to his knowledge his job performance has not been affected in any way.

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3. [REDACTED] does not believe that [REDACTED] can be trusted [REDACTED] described him as a "character assassin." He related one incident in which [REDACTED] had attempted to knife him in the back and said that he had had so many reports of similar experiences of others in the Management Staff that he would not trust him under any circumstances. He regards him as a vicious person and as one who believes that the only way to success is over the bodies of others. He says that the only people who get along with him are those whom he can dominate or those who are not competitive with him; all others he apparently feels he must cut down by fair means or foul. So far as he knows there is only one man (whom he did not name) who would support him.

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4. [REDACTED] appears to me to be a mature, honest, and capable individual.

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[REDACTED]
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